

HOUSE No. 2816

By Mrs. Parente of Milford, petition of Marie J. Parente for legislation to prohibit the hiring by human and social services agencies of persons convicted of certain crimes. Children and Families.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT PROHIBITING CERTAIN PERSONS FROM EMPLOYMENT BY HUMAN AND SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 17 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 4A the following section:—
3 Section 4B. No person who has been convicted of robbery,
4 rape, assault or similar felonies shall be appointed as an employee
5 of the department.

1 SECTION 2. Section 6 of said chapter 17, as appearing in the
2 2000 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following
3 paragraph:—
4 No person who has been convicted of robbery, rape, assault or
5 similar felonies shall be appointed under this section.

1 SECTION 3. Section 9 of chapter 18 of the General Laws, as so
2 appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:—
3 No person who has been convicted of robbery, rape, assault or
4 similar felonies shall be appointed as an employee of the depart-
5 ment.

1 SECTION 4. The first paragraph of section 1 of chapter 18A of
2 the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding
3 the following sentence:— No person who has been convicted of
4 robbery, rape, assault or similar felonies shall be appointed as an
5 employee of the department.

1 SECTION 5. Chapter 18B of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 12, the following section:—

3 Section 12A. The commissioner shall not appoint or employ
4 any person who has been convicted of robbery, rape, assault or
5 similar felonies.

1 SECTION 6. The second paragraph of section 3 of chapter 19
2 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, is
3 hereby amended by adding the following sentence:— The com-
4 missioner shall not appoint or employ any person who has been
5 convicted of robbery, rape, assault or similar felonies.

1 SECTION 7. Chapter 19A of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 4C the following section:—

3 Section 4D. The secretary shall not appoint or employ any
4 person who has been convicted of robbery, rape, assault or similar
5 felonies, nor contract with any home care program employing
6 such person.

1 SECTION 8. Chapter 19B of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 8 the following section:—

3 Section 8A. No person who has been convicted of robbery,
4 rape, assault or similar felonies shall be appointed as an employee
5 of the department or any facility under the control of the depart-
6 ment.